



## AKRON MARATHON

RACE SERIES

MARATHON  
HALF | RELAY

PRESENTED BY

**FirstEnergy**



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# 2019 Akron Marathon Official Program and Events Guide

**MORE**  
*than*  
**MILES**

Friday, September 27 and  
Saturday, September 28

Marathon  
Half Marathon | Team Relay  
Kids Fun Run

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# WELCOME

**Congratulations** on running the 17th annual FirstEnergy Akron Marathon, Half Marathon & Team Relay...the exciting finale of the Akron Children's Hospital Akron Marathon Race Series! We're honored to bring these world-class events to our great city and proud to announce that this is the **world's first sensory inclusive marathon**, thanks to a partnership with KultureCity.

This year marks the 5th anniversary of our full three-race series. Thanks to our commitment to race excellence and runners like you, our National Interstate 8k & 1 Mile and our Goodyear Half Marathon & 10k **sold out again this year**. We're anticipating that our FirstEnergy Akron Marathon, Half Marathon & Team Relay will sell out, too!

The big news this year is our **exciting new course**, beginning with an unforgettable start inside the historic grounds of **Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens**. From there, runners will take a scenic foot tour of 13 Akron neighborhoods filled with plenty of opportunities for records and PRs. Miles 1-11 will wind through West Akron and its motivating Blue Line Block Parties. Miles 12-18 will take you over the All-America Bridge into North Hill and back downtown past The University of Akron. Follow Miles 19-22 through Firestone Park, then head past Summit Lake on the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail before ending with an exhilarating finish inside Canal Park Stadium. After the race, stay for our popular Finisher Festival on the field at Canal Park.

FirstEnergy returns as our presenting sponsor and will cheer on over 100 of their own runners. Look for the FirstEnergy Power Zone within the first mile and again at Mile 10.

**Celebrate your accomplishment in style!** Each participant will receive quality Brooks swag, an awesome finisher medal and free access to your gallery of race photos.

As always, this race is about **More Than Miles**. We're proud to continue our partnership with our title beneficiary Akron Children's Hospital. Since 2016, **you've helped us raise \$1.7 million** to benefit our community's kids. This year's course will once again include 8 Hero Zones featuring Akron Children's Hospital hero patients. They'll inspire our runners, spectators and sponsors to make a heroic difference in our community.

We're kicking off the weekend on Friday with a Health & Fitness Expo at the John S. Knight Center, presented by Summa Health and SummaCare. Featuring more than 100 vendors, the Expo is free to the entire community. Be sure to meet world-class marathoner, 2018 Boston Marathon Champion and two-time Olympian **Desiree Linden**. And don't miss Friday's annual free Kids Fun Run at Lock 3, presented by Signet Jewelers.

Whether you're one of our 10,000+ participants, 2,000 volunteers or 100,000+ spectators, we hope you enjoy this world-class experience. We extend a big Blue Line thank you to the City of Akron, the Akron Police Department and our generous sponsors.

Good luck to everyone and a warm Akron welcome to all our out-of-town guests.

Thanks for making this event about **More Than Miles!**

Sincerely,

*The Akron Marathon Charitable Corporation  
Board of Directors and Staff*

# AKRON MARATHON CHARITABLE CORPORATION

## AKRON MARATHON STAFF

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Operations Director

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Race Operations Assistant

### **Alexis Littlejohn**

Intern

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The Akron Marathon is hosted by the Akron Marathon Charitable Corporation, an Ohio nonprofit 501 (c)(3) corporation.

The mission of the Akron Marathon is to provide a world-class marathon and other events that promote health and fitness, stimulate the local economy, galvanize the community and benefit charitable organizations.

## VISION STATEMENT

To create and manage dynamic, customer centric events and programs that deliver opportunities to promote active lifestyles for all abilities.



# Meet Our Heroes

We want to introduce you to patients from Akron Children's Hospital who have a unique story to tell. These children are our real-life superheroes, and we are proud to celebrate their victories.

These patient heroes will be highlighted in specially-designated Hero Zones throughout the 2019 FirstEnergy Akron Marathon, Half Marathon & Team Relay course on September 28.

## #ACHero

**Donovan**



**Lucas**



**Miles**



**Jayden**



**Rybecca**

**Kyle**




**Hope**

**Mary**



To learn more about each hero's journey, and for information about how you can support them and the hospital, visit [akronmarathon.org/meet-our-heroes](http://akronmarathon.org/meet-our-heroes)





Fighting an illness  
takes courage,  
strength and  
hope – it takes  
a superhero.

Saige

Joey

Madelyne

Jessalyn

Cory

Katie

Madison

Brayden

# Smile Maker

Known in Real Life as:

**Lucas Ransom**

Age: 9

Hometown:

North Canton, Ohio

**Why Lucas**

**is an #ACHero:**

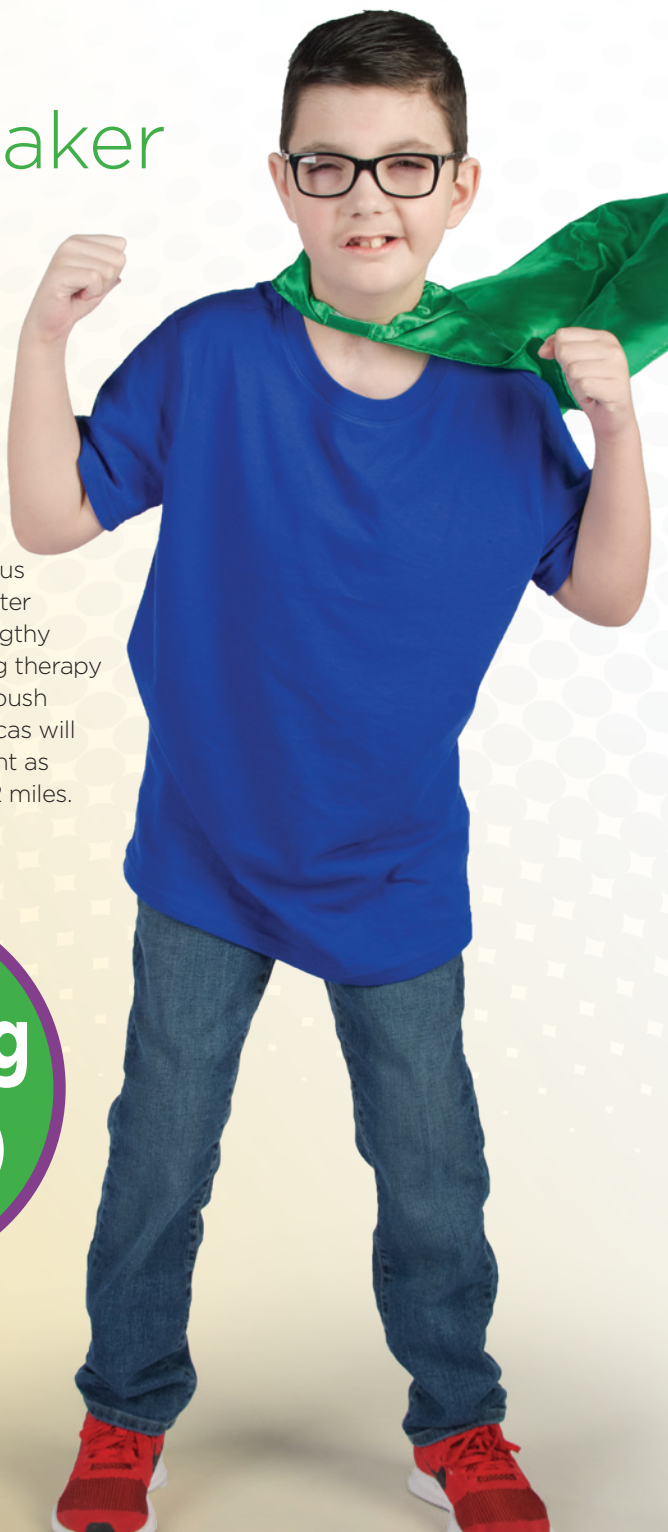
Lucas entered this world a fighter as he strived to combat complications from group B streptococcus that nearly took his life. After double-digit surgeries, lengthy hospital stays and grueling therapy sessions, he continues to push forward to be his best. Lucas will be pushed by his dad Brent as together they conquer 26.2 miles.

## Traveling Hero

Sponsor



Akron  
Children's  
Hospital





# EVENT SPONSORS

## Race Series Beneficiary



## Presenting Sponsor



## Founding Sponsors



## Health & Fitness Expo Sponsors



## Kids Fun Run & Corporate Cup Sponsor



## Media Sponsors



## Official Sports Medicine Sponsor



## Gold Sponsors



## Silver Sponsor



## Bronze Sponsor



## Post-Race Experience Sponsor



## Official Sports Drink Sponsor



## Official Beer Sponsor



## Official Pizza Sponsor



## Hero Zone Sponsors

- > Akron Children's Hospital\*
- > Circle K
- > Crystal Clinic Orthopaedic Center
- > FirstEnergy\*
- > Kent State University
- > Legacy Strategic Asset Management of Wells Fargo Advisors
- > Oswald Companies
- > Stark State College Akron
- > Vorys Legal Counsel\*
- > Women's Board of Akron Children's Hospital

## Elite Sponsors

- > Brouse McDowell\*
- > CAPTRUST
- > Kenny Construction
- > Summit County\*
- > The University of Akron\*

## Special Supporting Sponsors

- > Akron/Summit Convention & Visitors Bureau\*
- > Cleveland Clinic Akron General
- > Kastner Westman & Wilkins
- > Roger Read\*

## Fluid Station Sponsors

- > Akron Children's Hospital Emerging Leaders
- > Buckeye State Credit Union
- > Cleveland Clinic Akron General
- > Firestone High School Cross Country
- > FirstEnergy Young Professionals
- > GPD Group

- > Hoban Cross Country
- > MacTac
- > National Interstate Insurance
- > Ohio State Association of Nurse Anesthetists (OSANA)
- > Pioneer Physician's Network
- > S.A. Comunale
- > ST&P Marketing Communications, Inc.
- > Stewart's Caring Place
- > Touchdown Club
- > The University of Akron's Ultimate Frisbee Team

## Mile/Kilometer Sponsors

- > Acme Fresh Market\*
- > BODYARMOR
- > Burns & McDonnell
- > City of Akron\*
- > Crystal Clinic Orthopaedic Center\*
- > FedEx Custom Critical\*
- > FirstEnergy\*
- > Kent State University College of Nursing
- > Michelob Ultra\*
- > Papa John's Pizza
- > SummaCare\*
- > Summa Health\*
- > Summit County\*
- > Summit DD
- > The VanDevere Bunch
- > Vertical Runner

## Official Sponsors

- > Akrochem Corporation
- > Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank

- > Amp Strategy
- > Boggess Foundation
- > Kenneth L. Calhoun Charitable Trust
- > Corbin Foundation
- > Downtown Akron Partnership\*
- > Everstream
- > FedEx Custom Critical\*
- > Fox Charitable Foundation
- > Harwick Standard Distributing Corporation
- > Keep Akron Beautiful\*
- > The Lehner Family Foundation
- > Metro RTA\*
- > Moffit Foundation
- > R.C. and Katharine M. Musson Charitable Foundation
- > Mustard Seed Market & Café
- > Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition\*
- > OMNOVA Solutions Foundation
- > Pritt Entertainment Group
- > Proforma
- > Ritchie Memorial Foundation
- > SCC Soft Computer
- > Smith Dairy
- > Smith Foundation
- > Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens
- > Summit DD
- > Summit I.T. Solutions\*
- > Swensons Drive In Restaurants
- > The VanDevere Bunch
- > The Welty Family Foundation
- > WestRock

\*Denotes annual support since the founding year of the Akron Marathon

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

### **Meet & Greet Desiree Linden**

John S. Knight Center / Lower Level

**11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

- Meet & Greet open to public

### **Health & Fitness Expo Presented by Summa Health and SummaCare**

John S. Knight Center | 77 E. Mill Street

**11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

- Free event & open to the public
- Featuring a wide variety of exhibitor booths
- Packet pick up & final race registration, if not sold out
- Official Race Merchandise Store featuring Brooks apparel presented by Vertical Runner

**4:00 p.m.** – check in for Pinning Ceremony for  
5-Year, 10-Year and 15-Year Club Members

**4:30 p.m.** – Pinning Ceremony

### **Kids Fun Run Presented by Signet**

Lock 3 Start/Finish | 200 S. Main Street

**5:00 p.m.** – Check-in opens

- FREE 1-mile fun run
- Open to children 12-years of age and under
- All participants receive superhero sunglasses, medal and healthy snack

**6:30 p.m.** – Race Start

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

### **FirstEnergy Akron Marathon, Half Marathon & Team Relay**

#### **Start Line Shuttle Service**

Intersection of High & Buchtel | Downtown Akron

**5:00 a.m. – 6:30 a.m.**

#### **Race Start**

Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens – 969 Garman Road

**5:30 a.m.** Announcements begin

**6:30 a.m.** Opening Ceremony

**7:29 a.m.** Wheelchair Division Start

**7:30 a.m.** Marathon, Half Marathon & Team Relay Start

#### **Finisher Festival & Awards**

Canal Park | 300 S. Main Street

**8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**8:00 a.m.** Stadium seating open to the public

**9:00 a.m.** Half Marathon Awards Ceremony

**10:30 a.m.** Marathon Awards Ceremony

# HEALTH & FITNESS EXPO

Presented by Summa Health and SummaCare



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11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

John S. Knight Center | 77 E. Mill Street

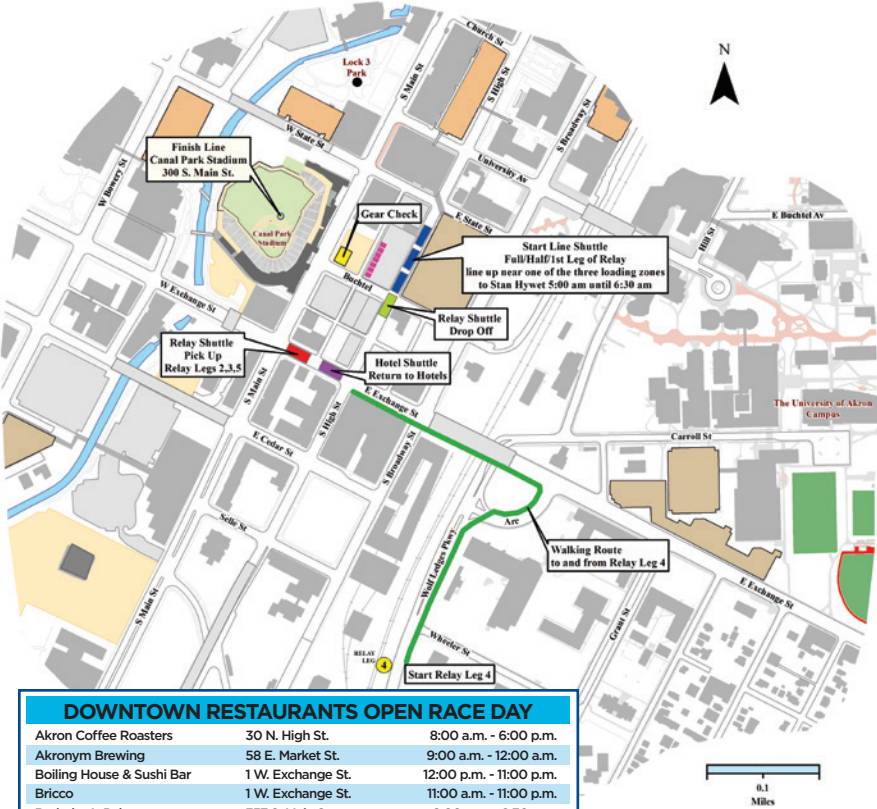


Join us at the Expo! Find answers to race related questions and save time for shopping! Browse through aisles of vendors, including the Official Akron Marathon Merchandise Store, Presented by Vertical Runner featuring licensed Brooks apparel.

### EXPO VENDORS

- A Christmas Story Run
- Acme Fresh Market
- Akron Children's Hospital
- Akron Marathon Merchandise Store
- Akron Marathon Vintage Merchandise
- Any Lab Test Now
- AstraZeneca
- AURIA
- Bath Fitter
- Blue Line Beginners
- BODYARMOR
- Bondi Band
- Confucius Institute at The University of Akron
- County of Summit ADM Board
- Crooked River Trail Runners
- Crystal Clinic Orthopaedic Center/Quick Care
- Detroit Metal Works
- Downtown Akron Partnership
- Empowering Epilepsy
- Fleet Feet Cleveland
- Gear Check sponsored by FedEx Custom Critical
- GemCare Wellness
- Goodwill Industries of Akron
- HelloFresh
- Kids Fun Run
- Lasik Plus
- Marvelous Mouse Travels
- Mercy Health Glass City Marathon
- My DNA Cancer Screening
- National Interstate Insurance
- National Running Center
- Ohio and Erie Canalway Coalition
- One of a Kind Pets
- Pace Team sponsored by Vertical Runner
- Powerstep
- Pro Football Hall of Fame Marathon
- RaceDots
- RedJacket Orchards
- Rite Aid Cleveland Marathon
- RunningDog
- Second Sole
- Selfless Elf 5k
- Shaw JCC of Akron
- Sikich LLP
- Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens
- Stewart's Caring Place
- Summa Health/SummaCare
- Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board
- Summit Metro Parks
- The Buck Fifty
- The Van Devere Bunch
- theRunnerStickers.com
- The University of Akron
- Vertical Runner
- 94.9 WQMX/97.5 WONE/1590 WAKR

# DOWNTOWN AKRON RUNNER SERVICES



DOWNTOWN RESTAURANTS OPEN RACE DAY		
Akron Coffee Roasters	30 N. High St.	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Akronym Brewing	58 E. Market St.	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.
Boiling House & Sushi Bar	1 W. Exchange St.	12:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Bricco	1 W. Exchange St.	11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Brubaker's Pub	357 S. Main St.	9:00 a.m. - 2:30 a.m.
Cilantro	326 S. Main St.	4:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Crave	57 E. Market St.	5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Diamond Deli	378 S. Main St.	11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Jilly's Music Room	111 N. Main St.	11:00 a.m. - 1:30 a.m.
Jimmy John's	371 S. Main St.	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 a.m.
Lockview	207 S. Main St.	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
Luigi's (cash only)	105 N. Main St.	3:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.
Missing Falls Brewery	540 S. Main St.	12:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
NOMZ	21 Furnace St.	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Pad Thai	12 E. Exchange St.	11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Pots & Pans	325 S. Main St.	4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Serendipitea & Coffee Café	11 E. Exchange St.	6:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Spaghetti Warehouse	510 S. Main St.	11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Stray Dog Café	75 S. Main St.	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Subway	10 N. Main St.	11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Woody's Bar and Grill	376 S. Main St.	10:00 a.m. - 2:30 a.m.



## START LINE SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

Downtown Akron to Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens..... **5:00 a.m. - 6:30 a.m.**

## RELAY SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

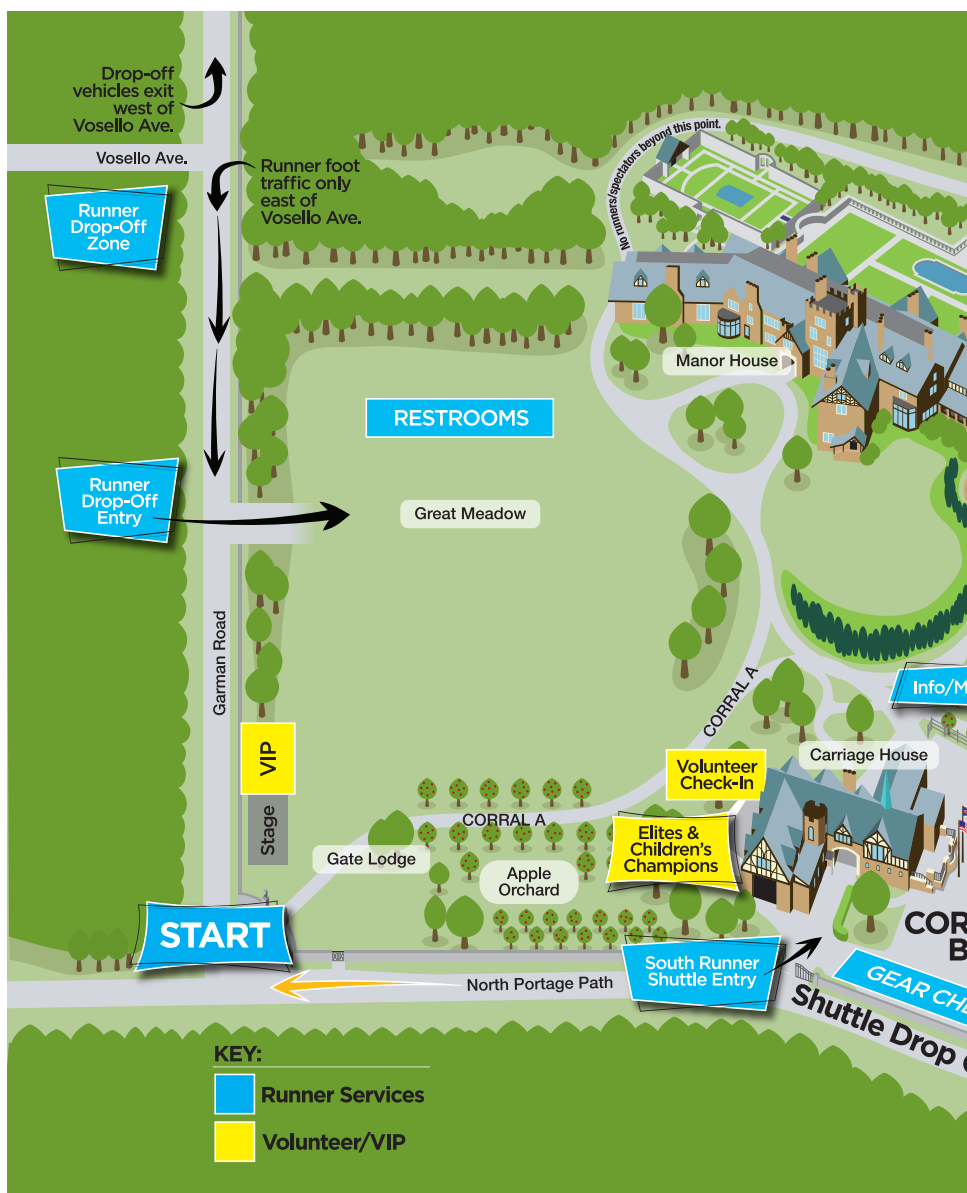
	Hours
Leg 2 (Hardesty Park) .....	<b>7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.</b>
Leg 3 (St. Thomas).....	<b>7:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.</b>
Leg 5 (Summit Lake) .....	<b>8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.</b>

\*Relay return shuttles continue until course closes at each leg.





# NEW START LINE LOCATION



Please join us at our new Start Line at Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens. Enjoy the historic venue, music and race announcements beginning at 5:30 a.m. Free shuttle service from downtown Akron to Stan Hywet will be available to race participants. Free parking at designated city decks and lots is available throughout downtown on race day. **No runner parking will be available at Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens.**

Saturday, September 28, 2019

7:29 a.m. Wheelchair

7:30 a.m. Marathon, Half Marathon & Team Relay



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## START LINE MAP

**Stan  
Hywet**  
HALL & GARDENS



In an effort to improve the race experience for all participants, corral assignments will once again be instituted for the 2019 race. Corral assignments will be indicated on each participant's race bib. Entrances will be monitored and access to the corrals is for participants only. Spectator viewing is encouraged on Portage Path.









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## FIRSTENERGY AKRON MARATHON, HALF MARATHON & TEAM RELAY MAP



Blue Line Block Party  
Overwood from  
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

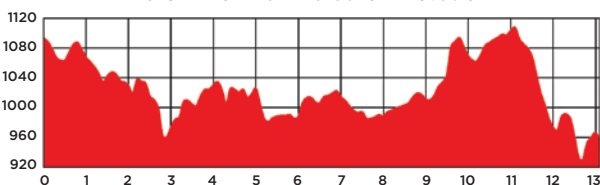
Blue Line Block Party  
Wiltshire from  
8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Blue Line Block Party  
Hardesty Park from  
8:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

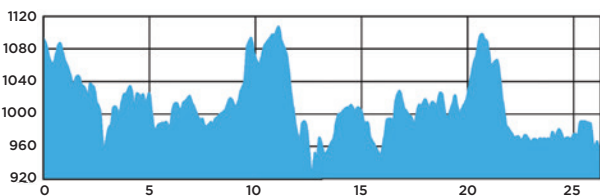
Mile	First Runner	Last Runner
Start	7:30 AM	7:45 AM
1	7:35 AM	8:01 AM
2	7:40 AM	8:17 AM
3	7:45 AM	8:33 AM
4	7:50 AM	8:49 AM
5	7:55 AM	9:05 AM
6	8:00 AM	9:21 AM
7	8:06 AM	9:37 AM
8	8:11 AM	9:53 AM
9	8:16 AM	10:09 AM
10	8:21 AM	10:25 AM
11	8:26 AM	10:41 AM
12	8:31 AM	10:57 AM
13	8:36 AM	11:13 AM
14	8:42 AM	11:29 AM
15	8:47 AM	11:45 AM
16	8:52 AM	12:01 PM
17	8:57 AM	12:17 PM
18	9:02 AM	12:33 PM
19	9:07 AM	12:49 PM
20	9:13 AM	13:05 PM
21	9:18 AM	13:21 PM
22	9:23 AM	13:37 PM
23	9:28 AM	13:53 PM
24	9:33 AM	14:09 PM
25	9:38 AM	14:25 PM
26	9:43 AM	14:41 PM
26.2	9:45 AM	2:15 PM



2019 Akron Half Marathon Elevation



2019 Akron Marathon Elevation



SPECTATOR VIEWING LOCATION	PARKING LOCATION	DIRECTIONS AVOIDING ROAD CLOSURES
Start Line	King Community Learning Center 805 Memorial Pkwy., Akron, OH 44303	Tallmadge Ave. to Memorial Pkwy
Mile 5.5	Fairlawn Country Club 200 N. Wheaton Rd., Akron, OH 44313	W. Market St. to Wheaton
Mile 7.5	Surface Lots at the Intersection of W. Market & Hawkins	W. Market St. to Hawkins
Mile 12.4, 15.9 & Finish Line	The University of Akron, Lot 27 225 S. Forge St., Akron, OH 44308	<b>From West Akron:</b> East on Memorial, East on Tallmadge, Take Route 8 to Buchtel Exit towards The University of Akron Campus. Take Buchtel to Parking Lot <b>From Firestone Park:</b> Route 8 North to Buchtel Exit towards The University of Akron Campus. Buchtel, Take Buchtel to Parking Lot
Mile 22	St. Paul Church 1580 Brown St., Akron, OH 44301	Route 8 to Wilbeth, West on Wilbeth, South on Coventry, West on Palmetto, South on Brown St.
Mile 23	Reach Opportunity Center 980 Lakeshore Blvd.	I77 to Lakeshore Blvd. South on Lakeshore.
Finish Line	Lot 1 at Canal Place 500 S. Main St., Akron, OH 44308	<b>From West Akron:</b> East on W. Market, South on Hawkins, East on W. Exchange, East on Cedar, South on S. Main St. <b>From Summit Lake:</b> North on Lakeshore, East on Thornton South on S. Main St.

Enjoy Swensons Food Truck at Mile 7 dubbed Milkshake Mile from 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Line Portage Path and give the runners a great send off at the start of the race at 7:30 a.m. and watch runners come back through Mile 10 from 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Stop in the FirstEnergy Hero Zone at the corner of Portage Path & Memorial and power up with noisemakers and snacks from 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Watch Relay Runners trade off at the first Relay Exchange Zone at Hardesty Park at Mile 7.5 from 8:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Watch Relay Runners trade off at the second Relay Exchange Zone on Olive Street at St. Thomas at Mile 13.6 from 8:34 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.

Join the party at Highland Square, enjoy food & entertainment as runners run by from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Watch the Marathon and Half Marathoners split at the intersection of W. Market & S. Main Street at Mile 12.4 from 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Cheer on the runners as they finish the race inside Canal Park Stadium from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Watch Relay Runners trade off at the third Exchange at corner at Wolf Ledges at Mile 16.8 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Watch the race and enjoy great food and live music at the Ido Bar on S. Main Street from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Join your neighbors at Firestone Park and cheer on the runners from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

RELAY LEG	STARTING MARK	DISTANCE IN MILES	START LOCATION
1st	0 Mile/Start	7.5	Start Line - 969 Garman Rd.
2nd	7.5 Mile	6.1	Hardesty Park - 131 Beauparc Dr.
3rd	13.6 Mile	3.2	St. Thomas Hospital- 60 Olive St.
4th	16.8 Mile	6.6	Lot 47 behind UA School of Art - 400 Wolf Ledges
5th	23.4 Mile	2.8	Summit Lake - 390 W. Crosier Ave.

Join the Devil Strip's Blue Line Block Party at Mile 24 from 9:40 a.m. - 1:40 p.m.

Watch Relay Runners trade off at the final Exchange Zone at Mile 23.4, enjoy music, food and fun at the Reach Opportunity Center from 9:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.



# ROAD CLOSURES

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Road Closures	Restrictions	Approximate Time
S. Main St.	Between State and Bowery	5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
S. Main St.	Between W. Exchange and State St.	Beginning at 6:30 p.m.
E. Buchtel Ave.	Between High and S. Main St.	Beginning at 7:00 p.m.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Road Closures	Restrictions	Approximate Time
N. Portage Path	Between Treaty Line Rd. and Sunnyside Ave.	4:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Garman Rd.	Between Castle Blvd. and N. Portage Path	4:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Mayfair Rd.	Between Merriman and N. Portage Path (No access to N. Portage Path except bus traffic)	5:00 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.
Newport Rd.	Between Eaton and N. Portage Path (No access to N. Portage Path except bus traffic)	5:00 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.
Eaton Ave.	Between Merriman and N. Portage Path (No access to N. Portage Path except bus traffic)	5:00 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.
N. Portage Path	Between Sunnyside and W. Market St.	7:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Memorial Parkway	Between N. Portage Path and Merriman Rd.	7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
Merriman Rd.	Between Memorial Parkway and Eaton Ave.	7:20 a.m. - 8:40 a.m.
Romayne Dr.	Between N. Portage Path and Shullo Dr.	7:25 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Shullo Dr.	Between Romayne Dr. and Winhurst Dr.	7:25 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Winhurst Dr.	Between Shullo Dr. and Castle Blvd.	7:30 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.
Castle Blvd.	Between Winhurst Dr. and Fairfax Rd.	7:30 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.
Fairfax Rd.	Between Castle Blvd. and N. Hawkins Ave.	7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
N. Hawkins Ave.	Between Bryden Dr. and Thurmont	7:35 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.
Thurmont Rd. (eastbound lane only)	Between N. Hawkins Ave. and Brookshire	7:40 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
Brookshire Rd.	Between Thurmont Rd. and Goodhue Dr.	7:40 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
Goodhue Dr.	Between Brookshire and Overwood Rd.	7:40 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
Overwood Rd.	Between Goodhue Dr. and Wiltshire Rd.	7:40 a.m. - 9:35 a.m.
Wiltshire Rd.	Between Overwood and N. Hawkins Ave.	7:45 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.
Bryden Dr.	Between N. Hawkins and Idlewild St.	7:50 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Idlewild St.	Between Bryden Dr. and Alton Dr.	7:50 a.m. - 10:05 a.m.
Alton Dr. becomes Beuparc	Between Idlewild and W. Market St.	6:00 a.m. - 10:05 a.m.
W. Market St. (westbound lanes only)	Between Beuparc Dr. and Castle Blvd.	7:55 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.
Castle Blvd. (northbound lane only)	Between W. Market St. and Garman Rd.	7:55 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.
W. Market St. (eastbound lanes only)	Between N. Portage Path and S. Main St.	8:10 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.
S. Main St.	Between W. Market St. and Bowery St.	8:20 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
S. Main St.	Between Bowery St. and State St.	8:20 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
N. Main St.	Between W. Market St. and MLK (59)	8:20 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.
N. Main St. (southbound lanes only)	Between MLK (59) and E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave. (Includes All-American Bridge southbound)	8:20 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Olive St.	Between N. Howard St. and Butler Ave.	7:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
N. Howard St.	Between E. Glenwood Ave. and E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave.	8:25 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave.	Between N. Howard St. and N. Main St.	8:25 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
N. Main St. (northbound lanes only)	Between E. York St. and MLK (59) (Includes All-American Bridge northbound)	8:30 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.
S. Broadway St.	Between MLK (59) and University Ave.	8:35 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
University Ave.	Between S. Broadway St. and Wolf Ledges Parkway	8:35 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.
Wolf Ledges Parkway	Between University Ave. and Arc Dr.	8:35 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Wolf Ledges Parkway	Between Arc Dr. and E. Thornton St. (Southbound only between McCoy St. and E. Thornton St.)	7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Arc Dr.	Between E. Exchange St. and Wolf Ledges Parkway	7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Wheeler St.	Between Grant St. and Wolf Ledges Parkway	7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
E. Thornton St.	Between Wolf Ledges Parkway and S. Main St.	8:40 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
S. Main St. (northbound lanes only)	Between E. Thornton St. and E. Firestone Blvd.	8:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
E. Firestone Blvd.	Between S. Main St. and N. Firestone Blvd.	8:55 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.
N. Firestone Blvd.	Between S. Firestone Blvd. and Brown St.	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Brown St. (southbound lane only)	Between N. Firestone Blvd. and Wilbeth Rd.	9:00 a.m. - 1:05 p.m.
Wilbeth Rd. (westbound lanes only)	Between Brown St. and Firestone Parkway	9:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Wilbeth Rd. (eastbound lanes only)	Between Firestone Parkway and Manchester Rd.	9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
S. Main St.	Between Cedar and Exchange St.	9:20 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Cedar St.	Between S. Main St. and Locust St.	9:20 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
W. Bowery St. (northbound lanes only)	Between Cedar St. and S. Main St.	9:20 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
E. Exchange St. (westbound lanes only)	Between S. High St. and Locust St.	7:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Dart Ave.	Between Boulevard and Thornton	9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
W. South St.	Between Manchester Rd. and Lakeshore Blvd.	9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
76 W. exit 21 at Broadway	Complete closure of Exit 21 at Broadway	8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

# Volt

Known in Real Life as:

**Brayden McDonald**

Age: 10

Hometown: Akron, Ohio

## **Why Brayden is an #ACHero:**

Born with cystic fibrosis, Brayden has grown up knowing it takes extra effort to keep her lungs clear and to digest food. Brayden advocates for herself and relies on her care team to manage her life-long condition through daily medications, nutrition supplements and lung-clearance therapy.

**Mile  
.8 & 10**

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# Wonder Katie & Super Sparky

Known in Real Life as:

**Cory & Katie Michalec**

Age: 15

Hometown: Tallmadge, Ohio

## Mile 5.3

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### Why Katie is an #ACHero:

Born premature, tiny Katie had to work hard to gain strength, develop and overcome obstacles from the start. With her strong will and determination, Katie has achieved every milestone along the way and has grown to be a very kind and capable young woman.

### Why Cory is an

**#ACHero:** Born at 26 weeks and diagnosed with cerebral palsy, Cory has had challenges since day one. He has always prevailed thanks to his strong will and support from his care team. Now in high school, he continues to set goals for himself and works hard every day to find new and better ways to accomplish them.





# Donny Man

Known in Real Life as:

**Donovan Stringer**

Age: 10

Hometown: Warren, Ohio

## Why Donovan is an

**#ACHero:** At age 7, Donovan was diagnosed with a rare liver cancer and a scary prognosis. Rounds of chemotherapy and surgery tried to zap his spirit, but Donovan stayed strong and true to himself throughout treatment. Now in remission, Donovan continues to bring joy and kindness to others.

**Mile  
11**

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Presented By Signet Jewelers



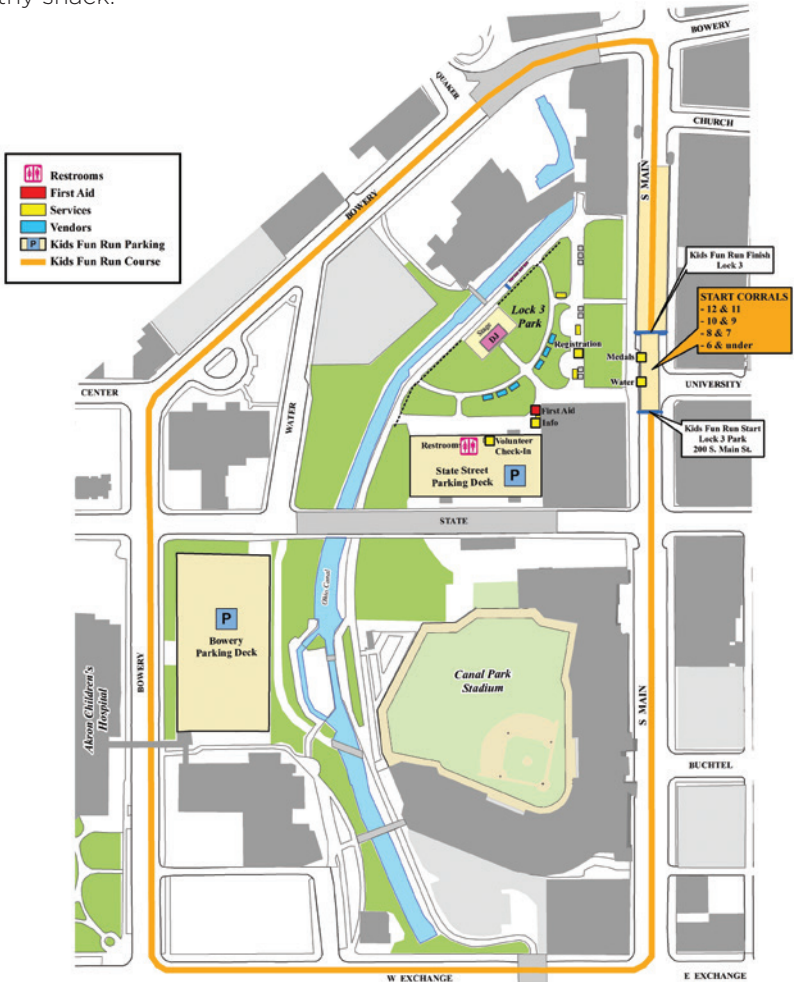
## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

**5:00 p.m.** Check-In & Pre-Race Activities

**6:30 p.m.** Race Start

Lock 3 Start/Finish | 200 S. Main Street

Bring the entire family and join us for the Kids Fun Run presented by Signet Jewelers. This free, non-competitive fun run for children 12 and younger is intended to teach children that exercise can be rewarding and fun. Each participant receives a medal, superhero sunglasses and a healthy snack.





# Mr. Unstoppable

Known in Real Life as:

**Joey Ricci**

Age: 15

Hometown:

Springfield Twp., Ohio

## Why Joey is an #ACHero:

Strength isn't a strong enough word to describe Joey's physical and mental stamina as he battles the challenges of mitochondrial disease. With a happy disposition and incredible might, Joey has learned to crawl, walk and even say a few words, despite the challenges and uncertainty his condition brings.

**Mile  
11.6**

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**CIRCLE K**





# Super Jay

Known in Real Life as:

**Jayden Wallace**

Ages: 16

Hometown: Akron, Ohio

## Why Jayden is an #ACHero:

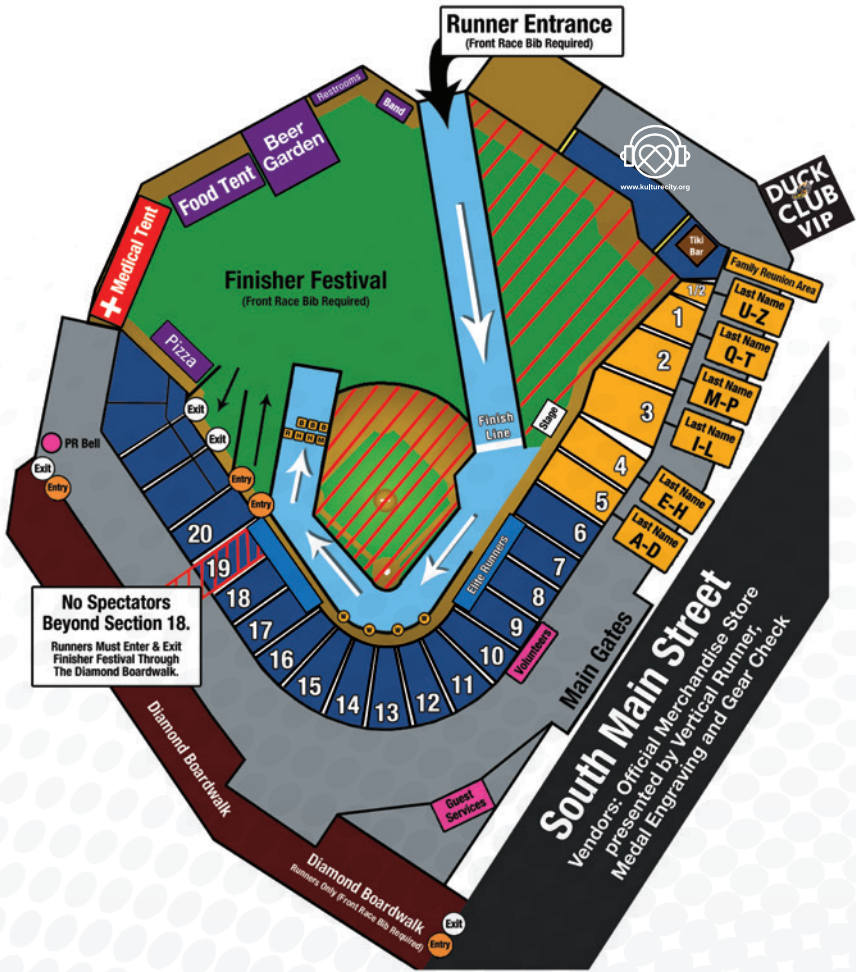
Jayden was 9 when 24% of his body was covered in third-degree burns. Thanks to his undeniable strength and positive spirit, Jayden endured months of painful surgeries, dressing changes and therapies to heal his wounds and get back to playing sports and just being a kid.



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# FINISH LINE MAP



## 2019 Akron Marathon Finish Line Key

	– Runner Chute		– Finisher Festival Area (Front Race Bib Required)
	– Water		– Finisher Festival Amenities
	– Relay Medal Distribution		– Medical
	– Half Marathon Medal Distribution		– Medical Lane
	– Marathon Medal Distribution		– Family Reunion Area
	– Mylar Blankets		– Concourse
	– Merchandise and Medal Engraving		– Concourse Amenities
	– Sensory Activation Vehicle		– Restricted Areas

# Mighty Miles

Known in Real Life as:

**Miles Postak**

Ages: 6

Hometown: Wadsworth, Ohio

## **Why Miles is an #ACHero:**

Born with spina bifida, Miles has undergone multiple surgeries and hours of therapies to manage the challenges brought on by his condition. Through it all, he does what's asked of him while sharing kindness and love with others along the way.



**Mile  
15**

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# AKRON MARATHON CHAMPIONS

	Men's Marathon Open		Men's Marathon Masters	
2003	2:21:59	Jonah Rono	2:45:58	Daniel Dudek
2004	2:22:16	Andrey Gordeyev	2:45:10	Larry Taylor
2005	2:18:48	Charles Kamindo	2:40:56	Damon Blackford
2006	2:22:02	Alene Reta	2:37:31	John Piggott
2007	2:28:05	Joshua Koros	2:35:58	John Piggott
2008	2:23:13	Birhanu Wukaw Zeleke	2:32:40	Sergey Kaledin
2009	2:27:21	Richard Chelimo	2:31:51	Sergey Kaledin
2010	2:19:34	Geoffrey Kiprotich	2:29:13	Sergey Kaledin
2011	2:22:46	Peter Kemboi	2:38:06	Andrew Musuva
2012	2:18:51	Richard Kessio	2:28:24	Sergey Kaledin
2013	<b>2:15:59</b>	<b>Getachew Asfaw*</b>	2:32:04	Esteban Vanegas
2014	2:16:45	Teklu Deneke	<b>2:23:44</b>	<b>Richard Kessio</b>
2015	2:22:21	Teklu Deneke	2:40:58	Esteban Vanegas
2016	2:21:40	Anthony Miglione	2:44:00	Francesco Arato
2017	2:23:39	Blair Teal	2:43:05	Dustin Sprague
2018	2:26:25	Israel Merkle	2:53:27	Orinthal Striggles
	Women's Marathon Open		Women's Marathon Masters	
2003	3:13:21	Brenda Bowden	3:20:02	Michelle Mueller
2004	2:40:17	Elena Orleva	3:11:06	Shelagh Sweeney
2005	<b>2:39:09</b>	<b>Maria Portilla*</b>	3:01:14	Laura Murphy
2006	2:55:23	Leteyesys Berhe	3:17:28	Karen Collins
2007	2:52:31	Melissa Rittenhouse	2:56:43	Elena Paramonova
2008	2:57:56	Sarah Plaxton	3:13:18	Connie Gardner
2009	2:51:59	Hirut Mandefro	2:53:04	Elena Paramonova
2010	2:42:33	Ludmila Stepanova	<b>2:49:52</b>	<b>Elena Paramonova*</b>
2011	2:45:57	Becki Michael	3:03:54	Tracy Wollschalger
2012	2:55:09	Shanna Ailes Istnick	3:04:34	Kristy Kenna
2013	2:39:18	Ludmila Stepanova	3:05:20	Kristy Kenna
2014	2:42:53	Tezata Dengersa	3:04:13	Kristy Kenna
2015	2:39:45	Irina Alexandrova	2:58:10	Beth Woodward
2016	2:51:34	Becki Spellman	3:11:18	Teresa Ferguson
2017	2:52:29	Emma McCarron	3:09:46	Dolores Valencia
2018	2:51:11	Grace McCarron	2:57:31	Shanna Ailes Istnick
	Men's Half Marathon		Men's Half Marathon Masters**	
2007	1:09:47	Matthew Folk	1:22:44	Pete Jendre
2008	1:15:09	Mike Hansen	1:18:46	Bob Flajnik
2009	1:13:02	Dustin Meeker	1:17:31	Dan Sparks
2010	1:06:48	Andrew Carnes	1:17:20	Jeff Day
2011	1:10:56	Michael Capriolo	1:21:28	Brian Mazur
2012	1:07:01	Philip Lagat	1:15:39	John Piggott
2013	1:05:38	Ryan Kienzie	1:15:31	John Piggott
2014	1:05:56	Philani Buthelezi	1:16:30	Jason Newport
2015	<b>1:03:58</b>	<b>Nicholas Too*</b>	1:08:45	Richard Kessio
2016	1:08:02	Ryan Kienzie	1:17:34	Bradley Prather
2017	1:05:16	Kevin Castille	1:15:08	Jason Lafave
2018	1:06:54	Michael Iacofano	1:16:57	Bradley Prather
	Women's Half Marathon		Women's Half Marathon Masters	
2007	1:27:47	Colleen Tate	1:33:51	Nancy Chong
2008	1:26:24	Mandy Yates	1:35:53	Michele Dewit
2009	1:23:56	Nicole Camp	1:37:36	Deb Deren
2010	1:17:56	Mandy Yates	1:35:25	Beth Darmstadter
2011	1:28:18	Brandi Howard	1:32:23	Marlene Bloomfield
2012	1:17:57	Dorcus Chesang	1:28:30	Josephine Weeden
2013	1:14:22	Jessica Odoric	1:32:39	Rosalie Franek
2014	1:17:05	Kelsi Nutter	1:28:43	Gwen Frederickson
2015	<b>1:14:18</b>	<b>Hellen Jepkurgat*</b>	<b>1:25:29</b>	<b>Brenda Hodge*</b>
2016	1:18:25	Maureen Lemon	1:29:49	Michelle Farr
2017	1:20:09	Elizabeth Weiler	1:26:19	Beth Woodward
2018	1:17:43	Becki Spellman	1:31:02	Michelle Farr

\*Record Holders

\*\*The men's Half Masters record was set in 2017 by Kevin Castille - 1:05:16.

# Princess Sunshine

Known in Real Life as:

**Hope Palmer**

Ages: 9

Hometown: Mogadore, Ohio

## **Why Hope is an #ACHero:**

At 7, Hope came to America to live with a new family unable to speak the language or walk because of her cerebral palsy. With strength and a smile, Hope has put in countless hours of therapy to become sure-footed and more self sufficient while also learning to speak and read a new language.

# Mile 19.8

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# MARATHON AWARDS

Athletes can only be eligible for prize money in the event in which they are registered for. All Overall and Master's awards are based on Gun Time, not Chip Time.

## Marathon Open Division\*

- Men's & Women's First Place: \$2,500 plus Champion Brouse Cup
- Men's & Women's Second Place: \$1,500
- Men's & Women's Third Place: \$1,000
- Men's & Women's Fourth Place: \$800
- Men's & Women's Fifth Place: \$600

## Marathon Masters Division\*

- Masters Men's & Women's First Place: \$500 plus Champion Brouse Cup
- Masters Men's & Women's Second Place: \$375
- Masters Men's & Women's Third Place: \$250

## Ohio Resident Division\*

This prize money is awarded to the first three men and first three women to finish the marathon who are residents of the State of Ohio at the time of the race regardless of age.

- Men's & Women's First Place: \$750
- Men's & Women's Second Place: \$500
- Men's & Women's Third Place: \$250

## ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES FOR THE MARATHON

In addition to our prize money for the Marathon Open and Masters overall placement, cumulative cash incentives will be given to all runners who set a new event record:

### Open Men

- Setting Event Record [2:15:59] - \$500

### Open Women

- Setting Event Record [2:39:09] - \$500

### Masters Men

- Setting Event Record [2:23:44] - \$500

### Masters Women

- Setting Event Record [2:49:52] - \$500

### Wheelchair Division

- Men's & Women's First Place:  
Award Plaque

### Age Group Awards

- Top Five Male and Female Marathon finishers in all age categories will receive recognition awards: 19 and under, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69 and 70+. You can win only one award. Age group awards will be mailed 4-6 weeks post-race.

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# HALF MARATHON AWARDS

Athletes can only be eligible for prize money in the event in which they are registered for. All Overall and Master's awards are based on Gun Time, not Chip Time.

## Half Marathon Open Division\*

- Men's & Women's First Place: \$1,000
- Men's & Women's Second Place: \$750
- Men's & Women's Third Place: \$500

## Half Marathon Masters Division\*

- Masters Men's & Women's First Place: \$400
- Masters Men's & Women's Second Place: \$300
- Masters Men's & Women's Third Place: \$200

## ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES FOR THE MARATHON

In addition to our prize money for the Half Marathon Open and Masters overall placement, cumulative cash incentives will be given to all runners who set a new event record.

### Open Men

- Setting Event Record [1:03:58] – \$500

### Open Women

- Setting Event Record [1:14:18] – \$500

### Masters Men

- Setting Event Record [1:05:16] – \$500

### Masters Women

- Setting Event Record [1:25:29] – \$500

## Age Group Awards

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# Captain Courageous

Known in Real Life as:

**Madison Harrison**

Age: 14

Hometown: Green, Ohio

**Why Madison is an #ACHero:** Diagnosed with cerebral palsy, Madison has undergone multiple, complex surgeries and endured hours of physical therapy to be her best. She sings, dances and stays positive every step of the way thanks to her care teams at the hospital, home and school.



## Mile 25.5

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## Super Kyle

Known in Real Life as:

**Kyle Nottingham**

Age: 11

Hometown: Massillon, Ohio

**Why Kyle is an**

**#ACHero:** Kyle's complex care for Leukodystrophy Hypomyelinating 6 has required countless hospital stays, surgeries, breathing tubes and therapies. While his care can be challenging, Kyle always tries his best and reassures others with his beautiful smile.

# Marvelous Mary

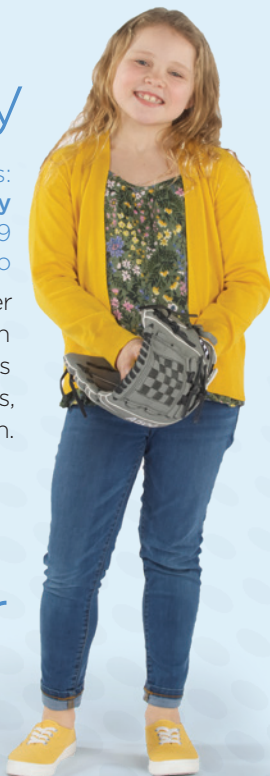
Known in Real Life as:

**Mary Moy**

Age: 9

Hometown: Johnstown, Ohio

**Why Mary is an #ACHero:** From the outside, you'd never know the bubbly, energetic Mary has ever suffered with a cold let alone near kidney failure. Since birth, Mary has managed her kidney condition with the help of surgeries, catheters, lab tests, diet restrictions and a happy disposition.



# Dolphin Whisperer

Known in Real Life as:

**Madelyne Williams**

Age: 14

Hometown: Kent, Ohio

**Why Madelyne is an #ACHero:** With more than 26 different diagnoses, Madelyne works hard every day to be her best. Through hospital stays, surgeries, medications and therapies, Madelyne is always pushing forward and always, always smiling.



# Supreme

Known in Real Life as:

**Jessalyn Hartsfield**

Age: 15

Hometown: Youngstown, Ohio

**Why Jessalyn is an #ACHero:**

Jessalyn was born with primordial dwarfism, which makes her physical features petite. She doesn't let her stature stop her from trying new things or making new friends. She's also put in hours of speech therapy and endured epileptic seizures, and through it all, she's always quick with a smile or kind word for others.



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